

Delta Stewardship Council Workshop  
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- West Basin supports the concept of coequal goals of water supply reliability and ecosystem restoration in term of managing the delta. Balancing environmental needs and water reliability is part of West Basin's Strategic Plan and how we approach our local projects in Southern California.
- West Basin is doing its part in developing local supplies with the implementation of our Water Reliability 2020 program that will reduce our dependence on imported water from 66% today, down to 33 % by the year 2020. We will accomplish this by doubling our recycling program , doubling water conservation, and adding a small, but needed supply of desalinated ocean water.
- In light of future growth, climate and environmental restoration, State agencies should continue to promote and streamline policies and regulations that support the development of local supplies (like recycled water and ocean-water desalination) throughout the State. We are even working closely with the Water Reuse community to evaluate how to move forward on direct potable reuse.
- West Basin has been instrumental in establishing and participating in one of the largest Integrated Regional Water Management Plans in the State -- the greater LA region IRWMP. With proven success, the LA IRWMP is a model for a multi-stakeholder cooperation.
- New local water supplies will require continued investment and support from the State of California. West Basin has been fortunate in the past to obtain outside investment to develop local, reliable water supply projects, which has allowed a good return on investment for our customers (approximately 20% reduction).
- 20x 2020 – West Basin has just updated a Water Efficiency Master plan for its service area that included the involvement and coordination of all of our retail customers in order to collectively achieve and hopefully go beyond the State's 20x2020 water efficiency goals (through conservation and indirect potable reuse).
- As a leading Southern California wholesaler and recycled water supplier, and a Metropolitan Water District of Southern California member agency, we strongly support groundwater conjunctive use programs in association with a Delta conveyance solution that will maximize storage south of the Delta in times of surplus.